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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Beuthan et al. CONFIRMATION NO.: 8016

SERIAL NO.: 09/775,070 GROUP ART UNIT: 3737

FILED: February 1, 2001 EXAMINER: William C. Jung

TITLE: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ARTHRITIS DIAGNOSIS"
AMENDMENT "A" UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, Applicants herewith amend the application as follows.